**Ministerial Roundtable ahead of IDA21 Africa Heads of State**

**Program**

**Kenyatta International Conference Center, Nairobi**

**Sunday, April 28th, 2024, 1030-1500 and Dinner@1830**

**Background and Objectives**

A Finance Ministers Roundtable will be held on 28April, 2024 ahead of the IDA21 Heads of State summit in Nairobi. The Roundtable will be chaired by Hon. Prof. Njuguna Ndung’u, Cabinet Secretary of National Treasury of Kenya. The Finance Ministers of IDA countries have been invited to the Roundtable. The IDA for Africa Summit aims to articulate the case for an ambitious and robust 21st Replenishment of the International Development Association (IDA21) that would support transformational development objectives for the continent and beyond.

At this meeting, the Ministers of Finance will be joined by World Bank Senior MD (and chair of IDA 21 Replenishment) and Sheku Sesay (IDA21 Replenishment Co-Chair) and will discuss the role that IDA plays as the largest sources of concessional finance for the world’s 75 poorest countries. The meeting will also discuss how IDA financing can continue to be responsive to country and global needs, paying particular attention on the needs of the region, and the role of effective policies and implementation in delivering strong results. Given the difficult global context in which the IDA21 Replenishment is taking place, the Ministers will also discuss how they can support their Heads of State in advocating for a strong IDA21 Replenishment.

A Draft Communique supporting IDA21 strategic directions and advocating for a robust IDA21 replenishment has been circulated to the participating countries. The Ministerial Roundtable will finalize the *Africa for IDA Communique* (Nairobi Communiqué). The Ministers will receive the final draft of the Communique a few days ahead of the Roundtable.

**Meeting Agenda**

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| **Time** | **Agenda** |
| 1030-1100 | Arrival of Ministers of Finance |
| 1100-1115 | Opening Remarks by Cabinet Secretary, National Treasury, Kenya  |
| 1115-1230 | Session on Context and Priorities for IDA21* Short presentation by World Bank SMD focusing on IDA strategic priorities, finances and timelines for replenishment.
* Discussion on what countries can do to ensure strong development returns from IDA21, including in electricity access, digital and other priorities.
* Discussion on what Africa can do further to raise its voice in support of a strong IDA21 replenishment.
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| 1230-1330 | Lunch |
| 1330-1415 | Discussions (cont.) |
| 1415-1445 | Finalization of the communique |
| 1445-1500 | Next steps and Conclusion |
| 1830-2000 | Reception Dinner  |